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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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SUBJECT: Conference on Europe in the Eighties

1. Attached is a program for the NIC/DDI/INR conference on Europe in the Eighties, scheduled for April 5-6th. Rick Burt will open the conference and, you will recall, you agreed to greet our panelists with a few informal remarks during the luncheon on 5 April.

2. In response to your request that we give some thought to a possible theme of your luncheon comments, the academic-government relationship may be the most appropriate. The luncheon guests will be a mixture of academics, researchers with considerable government experience, and former senior officials now active as consultants. As Chairman of the National Intelligence Council, you might wish to stress some of the following points about the Intelligence Community's contacts with academia:

- close ties between government and the scholarly community have always existed; for example, the origins of the US Intelligence Community can be found in the research team of distinguished academicians established in WWII that later became the Office of National Estimates, the precursor to the National Intelligence Council.
- There is a great deal of interaction between the two communities, as this group of experts assembled today clearly shows. The US government works hard to maintain ties with university specialists; and the Intelligence Community has relied on academic consultants to review and critique various agency products, including the national estimates. The Intelligence Community has sponsored on the order of 50 or more conferences annually, bringing together specialists from colleges, universities and "think tanks".

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- For more concentrated and in-depth contributions, the Agency sponsors the "Scholar-in-Residence" program that brings roughly a dozen outside specialists into the Intelligence Community for 1-2 years, giving them an insight into the unique sources and methods that intelligence agencies use.
- In many respects the Intelligence Community is a government-sponsored academic institution, with a far greater number of PhDs and Masters degree holders than most universities. With such a qualified workforce, we make every effort to encourage government specialists to remain active in their fields; each year a large number of our employees attend academic and professional meetings, and a significant number of them participate in panel discussions or present unclassified papers.
- We hope to nurture and further develop the academic-government relationship. For example, there is a joint committee with representatives from government, business and academia looking into ways to encourage more area studies, which we recognize as a common problem for both government and universities.

3. These are a few ideas for your remarks which probably should run between 5 and 10 minutes. We can try to elaborate on them if you wish.


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Attachment
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